

Christmas Island One +++++++

Christmas Island is part of the Republic of Kiribati, previously known as the Gilbert Islands. Independence was gained from the British in 1979. There is not much on Christmas Island to remind a visitor of the Arctic tradition of the holiday; the name's origin is a result of Captain James Cook "discovering" the island on Christmas Eve, 1777.

The island is in fact a tropical paradise, and is the largest coral atoll on the planet. The island is largely unspoiled and untouched by modern tourism, although like all undiscovered places will continue to see increasing visitors because of people like us who discover them then promote them. The island is already popular with fishermen, as bonefish fishing is reported to be the best in the world.

Escapeartist.com has an excellent page on Kiribati, with links:

<http://www.escapeartist.com/kiribati/kiribati.htm>

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